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The preventive measures were those habitually adopted, viz: On the notification of outbreaks, vaccination and revaccination is offered to the people, and as much vaccination work performed in and around the affected area as possible. Isolation and disinfection methods are at present impracticable. Owing to notification being noncompulsory, frequently the only intimation received by the deputy sanitary commissioner is the return of deaths from smallpox, by which time the disease has obtained a firm hold on the village. In the Malegaon outbreak, referred to above, the commissioner found, on visiting the town, that "for the most part only fatal cases had been reported." The only remedy of any use in dealing with smallpox is the gradual introduction of compulsory vaccination and registration with compulsory notification of cases, all other methods being merely palliative.

What is said above regarding the fact that notification is noncompulsory, does not apply to the city of Bombay. Here vaccination is required before the age of 6 months, and the notification of all cases is compulsory. Disinfection of quarters where cases have occurred is regularly carried out, as described in my letter of May 7, 1904.

Reports from Calcutta.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, October 20, as follows:

During the week ended October 8, 1904, there were 218 cases and 180 deaths from plague in Bengal. During the week ended October 1, 1904, there were 19,140 cases and 13,733 deaths from plague in India.

During the week ended October 14, 1904, bill of health was issued to steamship *Crostafels* bound to Boston and New York with a total crew of 62. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards on wharf lines, and Lascars' effects disinfected.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Infectious diseases in Italy and other countries.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, October 24 and 31, as follows:

During the week ended October 22, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Oct. 19	Roma	New York	439	180	750	7
22	Algeria	do	214	35	420	6

Italy—Infectious diseases.

The following cases of infectious diseases in Italy were officially registered during the week ended October 20, 1904:

Smallpox.—In the Province of Lecce there were at Sava, 6 cases; S. Vito, 50; Oria, 22; Lizzano, 4; Ceglie, 45; Latiano, 3; Novoli, 3;